Japan, Meiji Period - Signed Carved Ivory Okimono - Karako Children Playing In A Tree



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Signature : Signature á déchiffrer

Period : 19th century

Condition : Bon état

Material : Ivory

Height : 16 cm

Description

A finely carved Japanese ivory okimono, dating from the Meiji period, depicting a lively and narrative scene: four children in traditional costumes, three perched in a tree playing, one holding a fan, another a tablet, while an older child stands at the foot of the tree. A dog sits to the side of the composition. The sculpture is distinguished by the quality of the chasing, the subtlety of the expressions, and the meticulous attention to detail in the clothing and vegetation. The recesses of the carving are highlighted with an old ink wash, now patinated to ochre and dark gray tones, characteristic of early Meiji ivories. The base bears an extremely fine incised signature, executed with micro-dots (a kebori/tenbori-type technique), arranged in a slightly curved line along the edge of the base.

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The signature appears to consist of four characters, barely legible to the naked eye, in keeping with the discreet practices of some Meiji-period sculptors. Dimensions: Height: 16 cm, Maximum Width: 11 cm. Condition: Antique object with damage and restorations, described clearly: * The two children at the top of the tree have been reattached at their feet, with no missing material. * One leaf is broken. * There is a break in the branches for approximately 2 cm on the back. These alterations do not detract from the legibility of the scene and are common on carved ivory from this period. The patina is even and consistent with the age of the ivory. Regulatory Notes: Antique ivory object, predating 1947. Sale intended for informed collectors, in accordance with current regulations.